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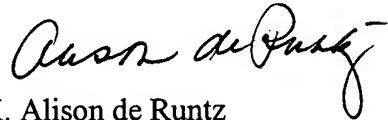
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U.S. Patent Documents

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	1	4,655,957	4/7/87	Chromeczek et al.			
	2	4,855,127	8/8/89	Abrutyn et al.			
	3	4,870,145	9/26/89	Chromeczek			
	4	4,948,818	8/14/90	Carmody et al.			
	5	4,962,170	10/9/90	Chromeczek et al.			
	6	5,100,477	3/31/92	Chromeczek et al.			
	7	5,575,825	11/19/96	Iida et al.			

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	11	EP 1 036 836 A1	9/20/00	EPO				

OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	12	"Acrylic Ultra-Fine Powder – MP Series," Esprit Chemical Company of Sarasota, Florida.
	13	"Monodispersed Grains for Photographic Films – 'SF Series,'" Esprit Chemical Company of Sarasota, Florida.
	14	"MX Series – Mono Dispersed PMMA Beads," Esprit Chemical Company of Sarasota, Florida.

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